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POINT DESCRIBED REFTEL VERY WELL TAKEN. LACK OF FINANCING IS ONE OF REASONS EMBASSY HAS BEEN RATHER CAUTIOUS IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON LIMA SUBWAY. TENDER NOW OUT IS AN INSIGNIFICANT AMOUNT COMPARED TO TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT FOR PROJECT. THIS SMALL CONTRACT (\$275,000 TO \$460,000) IS ALL THE MONEY ALLOTTED FOR LIMA SUBWAY IN 1975-76 BUDGET. ACCORDING TO PROJECT DIRECTOR, HE HOPES THAT IN 1977-78 BIENNIAL BUDGET AND SUBSEQUENT BUDGETS THERE WILL BE APPROPRIATION FOR INAUGURATION CONSTRUCTION SUBWAY. OBVIOUSLY, THIS BUDGETARY SOURCE, TOGETHER WITH ANY SUPPLIERS' CREDIT AND OTHER CREDITS, WILL HAVE TO COVER COST OF PROJECT. GIVEN LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED, DOUBT GOP WILL GIVE VERY HIGH PRIORITY TO SUBWAY IN VIEW OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS OF A MORE URGENT TYPE. WE CANNOT DISCOUNT, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY THAT ONCE ACTUAL WORK BEGINS THERE MIGHT BE INCREASED PRESSURE FOR EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS TO GET "ON BOARD" BY OFFERING CREDIT FOR EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH DEVELOPMENTS.
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